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**Confident, Respectful, Curious Kids**

**26th November 2010 – Term 4 – Week 7 – Family Issue**

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**WAIKARI SCHOOL NEWS – PRINCIPAL**

Tena koutou, nga mihi ki a koutou,

**Swimming**

Today our classes begin their swimming programmes, weather permitting. In 2011, staff will receive professional development on: *Kiwi Swim Safe –* Safety in the Water. If you would like to learn about this new initiative and may act as a parent helper for swimming next year, you are welcome to come and join us. The facilitator will be on-site at school on 31st January, 12.30pm. Please contact me if you are interested.

**National Standards**

Next Wednesday the 1st of December, I will be facilitating a parent information evening with a focus on *National Standards.* The programme begins at 6.30pm in Room 3. The format for the evening will begin with a power point presentation and will conclude with staff sharing the different assessment tools currently in use at Waikari School. We hope to see you there.

**Frog Rock Mountain Bike Ride**

Last Saturday, I was lucky enough to be involved with the F.A.S.T mountain-bike ride fundraiser. There was a fantastic turnout and congratulations must go out to all of the organising committee who facilitated a well organised and enjoyable event. Well done all!

**Working Bee**

A big thank you to all who volunteered their time to today’s working bee. The clean-up was well overdue!

**Student Art Panels**

As many of you will have noticed, our student art panels have been sealed and placed on the walls of our main building. A big thank you to Debra for her efforts in completing this task – they look great!

**Squash**

Our students have had a busy week enjoying the Squash court that has been in Room 1 this week. During the week their skills have improved and they have had some fantastic rallies – what a great opportunity it has been for both classes to experience another sport.

**School Cups:** If you have a Waikari School Cup from last year, please return these to school as soon as possible we will need them back to school by Thursday 2nd December.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Andrew Kemp

Principal

**F.A.S.T News**

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of the people who made the Frog Rock Ride a great event. There were 85 entries for the ride this year. It is steadily growing. Well done to you all for making it happen. Thanks Mel.

The Waikari School F.A.S.T (Fundraising Team) will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 8th December, 7.30pm in the Star & Garter Hotel dining room. There are a couple of gaps to fill, so instead of the same ones turning up it would be great to see new faces as well. Everyone is welcome. Apologies to Mel – 3144304 or Michele – 3144444.

On Sunday 5th December the Waikari School FAST have been asked to be the BBQ Chefs at the Holland & Searle farewell. If you are down at the Waikari Village Green on this afternoon, feel free to do some BBQing.

How are you going with the FAST Christmas raffle....If these could be handed back into the school office as soon as you have them sold that would be much appreciated. Mel

**Swimming Pool Keys:** It is that time of year again for families to get their Waikari School pool key. Keys are $40 per (immediate) family/household – extra swimmers $2.00 donation. (Visitors to the pool must be with a keyholders). For further enquiries please phone Michele – 3144 444.

**Events Coming Up:**

Friday 26th November **Working Bee** –Today from 3.00pm onwards (please come along if your are able to spare some time to help with a school clean up – if you have some gardening tools, bring them too, they come in handy).

Wednesday 1st December **National Standards** – Parent Information Evening – 6.30pm

Wednesday 8th December Singing at Waikari Hospital – 2.00pm

Thursday 16th December Waikari School Prize Giving – Waikari Hall – 7.00pm

Friday 17th December School finishes – 1.00pm

**Meetings:**

**Garden Club:**

**Monday 6th December – 11am**

Meet at Margaret Svenssons

190 Allandale Road

Hawarden

Shared Lunch

**Church Notices**

**[](http://images.google.co.nz/imgres?imgurl=http://www.fredcrystal.com/church7.gif&imgrefurl=http://www.fredcrystal.com/clipart.htm&usg=__FaA2wkF6L84fBErETLSwqN8ZNnk=&h=365&w=397&sz=11&hl=en&start=9&itbs=1&tbnid=M3ecNP32SbIaBM:&tbnh=114&tbnw=124&prev=/images?q=church+clip+art&hl=en&sa=G&gbv=2&tbs=isch:1)Anglican:**

Sunday 28th November Horsley Down – 10.00am

Presbyterian:

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**Catholic:**

Sunday 28th November Culverden – 10.30am

**General:**

Treats for Christmas: Handmade baking using real ingredients!! Special treats to give as gifts or fill your tins for Christmas. Orders are to be in by today - November 26th. Pickup-delivery December 10th ~ to place an order contact Nicky Huxford on 3144429 or 0273448943 See the attached pamphlet for the range of goodies available.

**United RFC:**

AGM to be held on Monday 6th December – 7.30pm at the Hawarden Tavern. All members welcome. Apologies to Bridget Frame 3144665

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL   
A cracker of an event  
A chance to meet and mingle  
A special Christmas display  
Bring your children to see Santa**  
Saturday 11th December  
3pm – 9pm  
Hawarden Hall  
*Entry fee $5  
School Children free*  
**A special display of Christmas Trees**Decorated by local groups and businesses  
Grotto with Christmas lights - Christmas music   
Bring a wrapped gift to put under the tree for the City Mission  
*Please state on wrapper age and boy or girl*Santa arrives at 4pm with a Lolly Scramble and will be there until 6pm  
Free face painting for children  
**FOR SALE**Coffee & Tea / Beer & Bubbles With Christmas nibbles  
Sausage sizzle, Ice blocks & kids drinks  
Christmas Decorations  
Have your child’s photo taken with Santa - Raffle tickets  
*This is a Community Event organised by the Parish of Glenmark/Waikari*

**Results From Hurunui Zone Athletics at Cheviot:**

Gussie: 1st in Sprints

Chantelle: 3rd in Discus

Claudia: 2nd in Long Distance

Ben H.: 1st in 50m Sprint & 3rd Sprint in 80m

Nic: 3rd in Sprints

Brandon: 3rd in Long Distance

Thomas: 3rd in 100m Sprint

Ben F.: 4th in Shotput

Freddie: 3rd in Sprints

Poppy 4th in Shotput

**Term Dates 2011**

**Term 1:** Tues 1st Feb – Fri 15th April

**Term 2:** Mon 2nd May – Fri 15th July

**Term 3:** Mon 1st Aug – **Fri. 7th Oct**

**Term 4:** Tues 25th Oct – Fri 16th Dec

***Please note: The amendments are due to changes on the Ministry website.***